is of 3.1x1.35x0.95M and capacity for under slung load is upto 1500 kgs. Other special features (technology) of ALH are as under:—

— Twin engines.

— Hingeless composite main rotor.

— Bearingless composite tail rotor.

— Integrated dynamic system.

— Anti Resonant vibration Isolation system.

— Automatic flight control system.

— Redundancy in flight critical systems.

— Maximum take off weight 5500 kg. with 2 Pilots and 20 min. reserve fuel, can take 1000 kg. pay-load upto 800 kms.

— Highest survivability due to twin engine composite rotors, duplex hydraulics, ballistic tolerance, cruise speed upto 245 kms. per hr. (4500 AUW) range 800 kms. endurance 4 hrs.

— Extension use of composites (29 percent by weight).

International Defence Exhibition

2367. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is planning to participate in and organise international defence exhibitions;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed international exhibitions; and

(c) the kind of weaponary produced by our ordinance factories proposed to be displayed and how do our prices compare with those of other competitors in the World market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the current financial year some of the defence production units will participate in Defence Asia '97 Exhibition to be held at Bangkok (Thailand) from 16—18 October 1997 and Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA '97) to be held at Langkawi (Malaysia) from 2—7 December 1997.

Ministry of Defence have decided to organise the second International Aerospace Exposition-Aero India 97 at Bangalore from 8—12 December 1998. It is also proposed to organise a 'Land & Naval Systems' Exhibition in Delhi in September 1999.

(c) Ordinance Factories have plans to display conventional arms & ammunition, components & spare parts, general & software items parachutes etc. at the above exhibitions. The prices for the above stores are generally competitive in international market.

Encroachments on defence lands

2368. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noticed large scale encroachments on defence lands and premises within Defence Directorate of Estate, Central Command committed during the last 4-5 years;

(b) whether some officials of the Central Command of the Department are trying now to get a few of them regularised inspite of major violations of rules;

(c) whether Government would stop any further continuance of such encroachments; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) Director General Defence Estates has reported some cases of encroachments within the eight Defence Estate Office Circles falling under the jurisdiction of the Central Command.

(b) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) and (d) Detailed instructions have been issued to all the authorities for ensuring vigilance, detection and prevention of new encroachments as well as removal of existing encroachments under the provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971.

Land allotted within Defence Estate

2369. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 504 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the land allotted within Defence Estate, Central Command is a furlong away from the Military Headquarters/Divisional Headquarters;

(b) if so, whether no environmental clearance was ever sought from the concerned department;

(c) whether Government would reconsider the issue to keep military installations free from unwanted interference; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) (i) Land leased to Indian National Defence Workers Federation (INDWF) in 1993., is in close proximity of Cantt. Bridgade Headquarters, Kanpur i.e. about a furlong away from the boundary of land.

(ii) Land leased to Mankameshwar Mahadev Mandir, Yamuna Bank Road, Allahabad in 1995, is within one furlong from the boundary of 508 Army Base Station Workshop & Ordinance Depot Fort.

(iii) Land leased to N. V. Gadgil Society, Meerut Cantt in January 1996 is within one furlong of boundary of RVC Centre, Meerut Cantt.

(b) No environmental clearance is necessary in such cases.

(c) and (d) No review is considered necessary as there is no interference.

India and Myanmar meeting at Moreh

2370. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any meeting between India and Myanmar at Moreh recently;

(b) if so what they have discussed and what decisions have been taken; and

(c) who represented India in that talk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A border personnel meeting between Myanmar and India was held at Moreh on 9th July, 1997. Such meetings are held at periodic intervals between the local formation commanders of both the sides to discuss common problems on the border, cross border crimes and militancy. It will not be in the interest of national security and relations with a friendly neighbour country to disclose details of the delibrations.